

House Resolution 2069

By: Representatives Gordon of the 162nd, Bryant of the 160th, Stephens of the 161st, Purcell of the 159th, and Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Honorable Regina Thomas on the occasion of her
2 retirement from the Georgia State Senate; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Regina Thomas has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Thomas diligently and conscientiously devoted her time, talents, and
7 energy to representing the interests of the people of Georgia as a member of the General
8 Assembly; and

9 WHEREAS, she served in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1995 to 1998, serving
10 as Assistant Majority Whip from 1997 to 1998 and focusing on education, children's issues,
11 and welfare reform; and

12 WHEREAS, her service with the Georgia Senate began with her victory during a special
13 election on January 11, 2000, and she has served as a member on numerous committees,
14 including Education and Youth, Appropriations, Reapportionment and Redistricting, State
15 Institutions and Property, and the Regulated Industries and Utilities; and

16 WHEREAS, a native of Savannah, Senator Thomas graduated from A.E. Beach High School
17 and attended Savannah Tech and Community College of Baltimore; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Thomas has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades,
19 including 2005 Legislator of the Year from the Georgia Environmental Council, the 2003
20 Reverend James Sims Public Service Award from the King Tisdale Institute, a Distinguished
21 Service Award from the Helen Keller Foundation, and Georgia's Outstanding Woman of the
22 Year in 2007 from the Georgia Deaf Association; and

23 WHEREAS, she is united in love and marriage to her husband Ervin J. Thomas, Sr., and they
24 have been blessed with four remarkable children and nine grandchildren; and

25 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Senator Thomas is an active member of
26 Liberty City Church of Christ in Savannah; and

27 WHEREAS, although Senator Thomas's presence on the Senate floor has been sorely missed
28 by her colleagues upon her retirement, the influence she has had upon the people of Georgia
29 will be ever present.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
31 the members of this body commend the Honorable Regina Thomas on her selfless, efficient,
32 and effective service to the State of Georgia and extend to her sincere best wishes for a happy
33 and healthy retirement.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Regina
36 Thomas.